

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan on July 14, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Foreman Erickson, Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to amend the Agenda to include Discussion of Health Insurance Stop Loss.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$123,014.53 and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,533,265.94 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 30, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS Kinross Township Supervisor Moore reported that the Township is power washing the water towers then roll painting them. Any mess will be cleaned up when done. He mentioned that he spoke to the Rudyard Township Supervisor about sharing the cost of a truck load of brine. He intends on doing Ploegstra and Kinross Rd. The cost quoted was \$750.00 a mile for a double pass. Manager Laitinen mentioned that it would be a good idea to add the Short Cut road to his list.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- Using snavel and the grader to clean up gravel roads.
- State ditching project on M-48 from Hewer Rd to Pennington.
- Patching work on paved roads.
- Working on a ditching project on South Caribou Lake Road in Detour.
- Work on Libby Road is coming up.

Foreman Goodman

- Thanked the staff that came in over the Holiday weekend.
- Doing shoulder gravel work on M-28 & M-123 for the State.
- Working on N. Hulbert Road culverts and lift project.

Office Manager Decker

- Working with 44 North on August 1st Health Insurance renewal.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- The shop has been real busy.
- MSHA inspection went very good.
- All is well in the shop.

Union President Hopper - None

MANAGERS REPORT

- Manager Laitinen reported on the MSHA inspection and its outcome.
- Identification badge pictures will be taken on the 19th. These ID badges are issued by Emergency Services and it is a free service.
- Late yesterday we received a draft document back from the Attorney General's office on the DEQ mediation settlement. Will be working on detailed review.
- We had a good Holiday, no problems with coverage.
- Prepared Resolutions for Rudyard and Superior Townships.
- Working on the County paving package.
- Reported that MDOT is having guardrail maintenance and repair training in Engadine on July 28th. The Foreman and Sign Manager will be attending.

- Manager Laitinen noted that he has been invited to a meeting in Roscommon at the Road Commission Office to discuss relations between the Road Commissions and the Timber Industry. Category E funds will also be discussed. These funds are for Counties that have either a Federal Forrest or a National Park. There is currently a misunderstanding by the Forrest Industry on how those funds are collected and put to use.
- Will be attending the J.A.T.C. meeting coming up in Lansing.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM PAYNE & DOLAN AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MANAGER LAITINEN TO SIGN.

Manager Laitinen went over the proposal. Payne & Dolan will be paving Caldwell Road. This is the Road that their pit is located on. They have requested that we participate in the project by contributing 15% or \$10,763.00. Commissioner Ormsbee asked Kinross Twp Superintendant Moore if the Township would pay half of that cost. Superintendant Moore answered no but that they would pay for the new warning of truck traffic signage.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the proposal for Payne & Dolan and authorize Manager Laitinen to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

ESTABLISH NEW ACCOUNT WITH CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK & AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES.

Manager Laitinen informed the Board that a separate bank account needed to be established for the HRA account being set up with 44North.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon for a new account to be established with Central Savings Bank and to authorize signatures.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-11 BLUFF STREET RUDYARD TOWNSHIP

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution 2016-11.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-12 NICHOLAS ST & BLOCK ALLEY 1 RUDYARD TOWNSHIP.

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution 2016-12.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-13 GROSBECK STREET SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution 2016-13.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-14 RANDY PESOLA RETIREMENT

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Resolution 2016-14.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

HEALTH INSURANCE STOP LOSS DISCUSSION

Manager Laitinen explained that with the change from a self-insured program with BC/BS to a fully insured program with BC/BS on August 1 any claims that have been incurred but not yet paid will not have stop loss coverage. The document from 44North is asking us to confirm that we understand and acknowledge there is risk to the Road Commission. This would only affect claims in excess of \$75,000. Commissioner Gagnon asked what would happen if we do not sign the document for approval. Manager Laitinen answered that we would have to go back to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Self-Insured Plan and the higher prices that come with it.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to acknowledge and understand the potential liability to the Chippewa County Road Commission in terminating the Blue Cross Blue Shield

self-insured program to a fully insured program with BC/BS on August 1, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore updated the Board on the status of the DeVere Construction default.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee commented "Keep up the good job"!

Chairman Timmer asked if we are required to have our fiscal year match the calendar year. Office Manager Decker replied no. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Timmer asked if the agenda's could be sent sooner.

Chairman Ormsbee asked Foreman McConkey to remove the pylon in front of Foreman Erickson's house and put it in the middle of his driveway.

Chairman Gagnon asked about the status of the County map for the wall.

Chairman Ormsbee asked that we perform Employee Evaluations before Winter sets in. Discussion ensued. Union President Hopper mentioned that Superintendent Les Laitinen tried to implement evaluations and the Union fought it.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board